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1. HIGHLIGHTS. RECENT PAPERS FRONTPAGE KISSINGER PRO-
GRESS IN MIDEAST; WEDNESDAY WASHPOST FRONTPAGED SCHLESINGER
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URGES SOVIET ARMS RESTRAINT; BALTSUN FRONTPAGED IKLE'S

FEAR OF LOSING ATOMIC BOMBS TO CRIMINALS. COMMENT
SCATTERED.

1A. TUESDAY PAPERS INSIDE REPORTED SENATORS' THOUGHTS ON
DEFENSE BUDGET; NYTIMES HAD MOSCOW STORY ON CIVIL ATOM
NEGOTIATIONS; WASHPOST SQUIB REPORTED GREEK-AMERICAN TALKS
ON FUTURE OF US BASES IN GREECE.

1B. WEDNESDAY PAPERS MOSTLY REPORTED SCHLESINGER INSIDE;
ALSO SOVIET RATIFICATION OF CONVENTION BANNING GERM-WAR
ARMS; NYTIMES HAD REUTERS REPORTING LEHMAN NOMINATION
AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR ACDA RAN INTO OPPOSITION AS SYMINGTON
ASKED SFRC TO WITHHOLD ACTION UNTIL MEMBERS STUDIED LEHMAN'S
DOCTORAL THESIS WHICH HE SAID ACCUSED SYMINGTON SUBCOMMITTEE
OF LEAKING INFORMATION DAMAGING TO US POLICY ON INDOCHINA;
REUTER ADDED LEHMAN SAID HIS THESIS CONTAINED NO DIRECT
ACCUSATION OF SUBCOMMITTEE.

2. NUKES. WEDNESDAY BALTSUN TREWHITT WASHINGTON
REPORTED INTERVIEW WITH IKLE, TREWHITT SAYING ACDA
CHIEF HAS FOR SEVERAL WEEKS BEEN MAKING HIS POINT
ABOUT THE DANGER THAT TERRORISTS MIGHT USE ATOM
BOMB BUT ATTRACTING LITTLE PUBLIC ATTENTION, BUT THIS
MAY NOT BE SURPRISING SINCE PUBLIC INTEREST IN ARMS
CONTROL HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON THE SWEEPING SALT NEGOTIA-
TIONS.

2A. TUESDAY NYTIMES MOSCOW STORY REPORTED RESUMPTION
OF NEGOTIATIONS ON POSSIBLE CEILING ON PEACEFUL UNDER-
GROUND TESTS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH VLADIVOSTOK DECISION
THAT THESE TALKS BE HEADED BY STOESSEL AND MOROKHOV.
STORY SAYS U.S. WANTS PEACEFUL TESTS INCLUDED IN TREATY
OF 1974 WHICH ISN'T YET RATIFIED, ADDING THAT BEFORE OC-
TOBER TALKS WASHINGTON OFFICIALS SAID U.S. FEARED THAT
WITHOUT THIS INCLUSION THE TREATY WOULDN'T BE APPROVED
BY SENATE.

3. DEFENSE POLICY. TUESDAY NY TIMES FINNEY REPORTED
SEN. STENNIS EXPRESSED CONCERN IN MONDAY MEETING OF
ARMED FORCES COMMITTEE OVER RISING COST OF B-1 BOMBER
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WHICH HAS ABOUT DOUBLED TO 84 MILLION DOLLARS PER
PLANE SINCE 1971. STENNIS ASKED AIR FORCE FOR POSSIBLE
ALTERNATIVES TO THE B-1, BUT AIR FORCE SECRETARY
MCLUCAS AND CHIEF OF STAFF JONES TESTIFIED THAT NO
OTHER PLANE WOULD BE AS EFFECTIVE. TUESDAY WASHPOST
HAD UNSIGNED PIECE SIMILAR SAYING STENNIS ASKED FOR
ALTERNATIVES TO B 1 IN CASE CONGRESS DECIDES TO KILL
THE PROJECT BEFORE IT REACHED THE PRODUCTION STAGE.

3A. TUESDAY WASHPORT HAD UPI REPORTING SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN MCCLELLAN GAVE PENTAGON LIST OF SEVEN AREAS OF BUDGET HE INTENDS TO EXAMINE CAREFULLY, INCLUDING A 1 BILLION DOLLAR INCREASE TO BEEF UP WAR RESERVE STOCKS OF WEAPONS, AND A 20 PERCENT INCREASE IN FUNDS FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT OF WEAPONS. TUESDAY BALSUN HAS SIMILAR UNSIGNED PIECE ADDING THAT MCCLELLAN DESCRIBED MILITARY BUDGET AS THE SLOWEST RISING MAJOR ITEM IN THE FEDERAL SPENDING.

3B. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES FINNEY STRESSED THAT SCHLESINGER IN ANNUAL POSTURE STATEMENT SAID U.S. PLANNED TO BUILD UP TO THE STRATEGIC WEAPONS LEVELS PERMITTED BY VLADIVOSTOK UNLESS RUSSIANS SHOWED RESTRAINT IN THEIR PROGRAM, SAYING IT IS UP TO RUSSIANS TO DECIDE HOW MUCH ADDITIONAL EFFORT THE TWO SIDES SHOULD PUT INTO THESE PROGRAMS, OUT SECRETARY DIDN'T SAY WHAT RESTRAINT IS EXPECTED. FINNEY

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SAYS SCHLESINGER ADDED IF SOVIET LEADERS EXHIBIT RESTRAINT IN THEIR APPLICATION OF VLADIVOSTOK PRINCIPLES, WE ARE PREPARED TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT AS WELL, BUT UNTIL WE HAVE SOLID EVIDENCE OF SOVIET RESTRAINT WE SHALL PLAN TO REACH VLADIVOSTOK LIMITS. TUESDAY WASHSTAR GUIDRY ALSO STRESSED U.S. PLAN TO INCREASE ITS STRATEGIC NUCLEAR STRENGTH TO VLADIVOSTOK LIMITS UNLESS WE OBTAIN SOLID EVIDENCE OF SOVIET RESTRAINT.

3C. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST GETLER STRESSED SCHLESINGER CLAIMED IT IS NOW UP TO SOVIET UNION TO DECIDE IF THERE IS TO BE ANY REAL RESTRAINT IN THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE, EVEN THOUGH BOTH SUPERPOWERS HAVE TENTATIVELY AGREED ON A NEW PACT PLACING OVERALL LIMITS ON LONG-RANGE MISSILE

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AND BOMBER FORCES. ACCORDING GETLER, SCHLESINGER CALLED FOR MOSCOW TO SHOW RESTRAINT BY ACTUALLY FIELDING FEWER NEW MISSILES, AND SUGGESTING THAT IN RETURN U.S. IS PREPARED TO SHOW RESTRAINT IN DEVELOPMENT OF STILL ANOTHER ROUND OF EVEN MORE ADVANCED MISSILES, SAYING HOW WE PROCEED ON THESE ACCOUNTS WILL DEPEND ESSENTIALLY ON THE ACTIONS OF THE SOVIET UNION AND ADDING THAT THE RUSSIANS CURRENTLY HAVE THE INITIATIVE. GETLER ADDS THAT WHETHER AN ECONOMY-MINDED CONGRESS WILL GO ALONG WITH THE MANY MULTIMILLION-DOLLAR PROGRAMS SCHLESINGER HAS PROMISED AS "HEDGES" AGAINST POSSIBLE SOVIET ACTION IS A MAJOR QUESTION. AMONG OTHER POINTS GETLER NOTES SCHLESINGER ARGUES THAT U.S. TROOP DEPLOYMENTS IN EUROPE REMAIN VITAL TO U.S. INTERESTS AND THAT BECAUSE OF OFFSET DEALS THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO FINANCIAL ADVANTAGE TO WITH-

DRAWING THEM, OR THE TROOPS IN KOREA, UNLESS THE UNITS WERE DEMOBILIZED, WHICH HE SAYS WOULD NOT HAPPEN. GETLER ALSO NOTES SCHLESINGER SAYS THE PENTAGON SUPPORTS NEGOTIATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO LOWER THE PROPOSED 2400-WEAPON CEILING STILL FURTHER AND REDUCE THE THREAT OF KNOCKING OUT THE MINUTEMAN FORCE IN THE EARLY 1980'S; MEANTIME, U.S. CAN'T ALLOW RUSSIANS TO HAVE A BETTER CAPABILITY TO STRIKE AT AN OPPOSING MISSILE FORCE THAN THE UNITED STATES HAS, THUS SCHLESINGER IS PROOOSING DEVELOPMENT OF MX-1 MISSILE WHICH COULD BE PUT IN SILOS OR TOWED ON MOBILE LAUNCHERS O, DROPPED FROM AIRCRAFT.

3D. WEDNESDAY BALTSUN FRONTPAGED WASHINGTON AP FEATURING SCHLESINGER STATEMENT HE IS REDUCING NUMBER OF BOM0ERS ON FULL-TIME ALERT FROM 40 PERCENT TO 30 PERCENT BECAUSE OF TE UNLIKELIHOOD OF A SURPRISE NUCLEAR ATTACK BY THE SOVIET UNION, SCHLESINGER ADDING ANOTHER REASON FOR THE REDUCTION IS THE INCREASE IN U.S. STRATEGIC MISSILE FORCE, SECREARY ADDING SOVIET UNION HAS NOW TAKEN THE INITIATIVE IN MISSILE DEVELOPMENT.

4. COMMENT. TUESDAY NYTIMES EDITORIAL CHALLENGED FORD'S INSTRUCTIONS TO U.S. NEGOTIATORS TO SEEK A NUCLEAR ARMS AGREEMENT WITH SOVIETS BASED ON HIGH VLADIVOSTOK CEILINGS, SAYING BOTH SIDES SHOULD EXERCISE RESTRAINT IN DPLOYMENT OF MIRVS OR FUTURE EFFORTS AT UNCLASSIFIED

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MEANINGFUL CUTBACKS WOULD BE FRUSTRATED. PAPER WARNED THAT IF MUTUAL RESTRAINTS ARE NOT AGREED TO THIS YEAR, THEY WILL PROBABLY NOT BE ARRIVED AT FOR SEVERAL MORE YEARS BY WHICH TIME SOVIETS WILL HAVE A HIGH CONFIDENCE "FIRST STRIKE" CAPABILITY AGAINST TH 1,054 AMERICAN

LAND-BASED MISSILES BY THE END OF 1978, AND A PRESUMED SIMILAR AMERICAN CAPABILITY WILL INCREASE THE MENACE OF "CRISIS INSTABILITY". TIMES SAYS U.S. SHOWS NO RESTRAINT IN ITS OWN PROGRAMS CITING VIRTUAL COMPLETION OF MINUTEMAN III PROGRAM, CONTINUATION OF POSEIDON AND TRIDENT PROGRAMS AND APPROACH OF PRODUCTION PHASE OF B-1 BOMBER, SO U.S. REQUEST THAT RUSSIA LIMIT PACE OF ITS DEPLOYMENT OF MIRVS IS UNREASONABLE. TIMES SAYS WASHINGTON SEEMS TO BE BUILDING A CASE FOR NEW PROGRAMS REPLACING EVERY MIRV MISSILE IN PRESENT AND PROJECTED INVENTORIES IF SOVIETS FAIL TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT, AND CALLS ON U.S. TO OFFER TO SUSPEND DEPLOYMENT OF MIRV MISSILES IF MOSCOW WILL SLOW ITS DEPLOYMENT RATE AND NEGOTIATE FOR A REDUCTION IN VLADIVOSTOK MIRV CEILING TO THE PRESENT U.S. LEVEL. INGERSOLL

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